

***Remarks***

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Claims 41-61 are pending in the application, with 41 and 48 being the independent claims. Based on the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

***Double Patenting Rejection***

Claims 41-61 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-40 of U.S. Patent No. 6,437,652. Applicants have included herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 1.321(c) to obviate the double patenting rejection.

***IDS***

The references on the first page of the 1449 of the IDS filed on March 3, 2004 where not checked-off in the Office Communication of March 25, 2004. A second copy of the 1449 is enclosed herewith, for consideration and check-off of the these references.

***Conclusion***

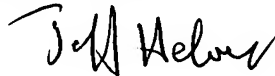
All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will

expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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